

Electricity Oversight Board

Daily Report for Tuesday, March 2, 2004

The average zonal price increased by 15 percent for SP15 to \$54.76/MWh up from \$47.79/MWh and remained fairly unchanged for NP15 at \$35.46/MWh. Despite stable load levels, the higher average zonal price could have resulted from:

- Congestion on Path 26 in the north-to-south direction that resulted in split zonal prices between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Increased generation outage levels that ranged between 10,200 MW and 11,100 MW.
- Cool weather conditions. Southern California temperatures dropped between 3 and 5 degrees and ranged in the mid-50s, while temperatures across Northern California increased between 4 and 6 degrees and ranged in the low-60s.
- Increased natural gas price. The average natural gas price increased by 5 percent to \$5.28/MMBtu up from \$5.05/MMBtu on Monday.

In an effort to mitigate intra-zonal congestion, the CAISO requested decremental energy bids for the following:

- Miguel Imports between 4 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- Victorville-Lugo starting at midnight.

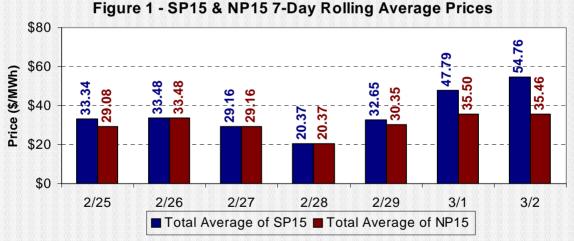


Figure 2 - Hourly Zonal Price and Volume \$120 40 Price (\$/MWh) \$90 30 Volume (GWh) 20 \$60 \$30 \$0 1 3 5 7 9 13 15 23 11 17 19 21 Hours of the Day, 24-Hour Clock Actual Scheduled Load -NP15 Zonal Price SP15 Zonal Price



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